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SECTION 29B. UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

TABLE 29B.1. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

DIRECT COSTS

(1) Regular budget

1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates				Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993		1992-1993 estimates
	Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base		Resource growth					
	$	%	$	%	$	$	%	
17 924.1	833.3	4.6	916.2	5.1	19 673.6	1 056.0	5.3	20 729.6

Analysis of real growth (at revised 1991 rates)

(1) Total revalued 1990-1991 resource base	Resource growth				Rate of real growth (5) over (1)
	(2) Actual	(3) Less non-recurrent items	(4) Plus delayed growth (new posts)	(5) Adjusted	
18 757.4	916.2	-	-	916.2	4.8%

TABLE 29B.1 (continued)

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

	1990-1991 estimated expenditures	1992-1993 estimated expenditures
(a) Services in support of:		
(i) Other United Nations organizations	-	-
(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes	-	-
Total (a)	-	-
(b) Substantive activities	-	-
Total (b)	-	-
(c) Operational projects		
Educational services	310 300.0	325 800.0
Health services	118 700.0	124 700.0
Relief services	67 800.0	71 200.0
Total (c)	496 800.0	521 700.0
Total (a), (b) and (c)	496 800.0	521 700.0
Total, direct costs		542 429.6

TABLE 29B.2. ANALYSIS OF REVALUED 1990-1991 RESOURCE BASE (AT REVISED 1991 RATE)

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	1990-1991 appropriation (1)	Non-recurrent 1990-1991 items (2)	Additional requirements: Delayed impact of 1990-1991 growth: Established posts (3)	Additional requirements: Delayed impact of 1990-1991 growth: Other objects of expenditure (4)	Additional requirements: Recosting at revised 1991 rates: Established posts (5)	Additional requirements: Recosting at revised 1991 rates: Other objects of expenditure (6)	Additional requirements: Special adjustments (7)	Additional requirements: Total (8)	Net additional requirements (9) (8)-(2)	Total revalued 1990-1991 resource base (10) (1)+(9)
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	17 924.1	-	-	-	832.6	0.7	-	833.3	833.3	18 757.4

TABLE 29B.3. REGULAR BUDGET, DIRECT COSTS: SUMMARY OF 1992-1993 REQUIREMENTS AND RATES OF REAL GROWTH, BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Objects of expenditure	1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Resource growth	Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates	Rate of real growth %
Established posts	12 273.4	509.0	487.0	13 269.4	782.9	14 052.3	3.8
General temporary assistance	19.4	0.7	-	20.1	1.6	21.7	-
Common staff costs	5 616.1	323.6	429.2	6 368.9	271.5	6 640.4	7.2
Representation allowances	15.2	-	-	15.2	-	15.2	-
Total	17 924.1	833.3	916.2	19 673.6	1 056.0	20 729.6	4.8

TABLE 29B.4. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational Unit: United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
ASG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-2	1	1	-	-	1	1	2	2
D-1	10	10	-	-	-	-	10	10
P-5	16	16	-	-	4	4	20	20
P-4	36	38	-	-	7	5	43	43
P-3	15	16	-	-	3	2	18	18
P-2/1	2	2	-	-	1	1	3	3
Total	82	85	-	-	16	13	98	98
General Service category								
Principal level	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other levels	10	10	-	-	-	-	10	10
Total	10	10	-	-	-	-	10	10
Other categories								
Security service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Local level	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Field service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trades and crafts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grand total	92	95	-	-	16 a/	13	108	108

a/ In addition, there are 23 staff members on loan from UNESCO (14), UNICEF (2) and WHO (7); and UNRWA employs 18,800 locally-recruited staff.

29B.1 The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) was established by the General Assembly by its resolution 302 (IV) of 8 December 1949; its present mandate extends until 30 June 1993, in accordance with Assembly resolution 44/47 A of 8 December 1989. The work of the Agency is supervised by an Advisory Commission consisting of representatives of 10 Member States. The Commissioner-General reports annually to the General Assembly.

29B.2 The overall strategy for the biennium 1992-1993 is to provide needed assistance to the Palestine refugees until their problem can be resolved in accordance with the relevant resolution of the General Assembly. This assistance involves the provision of essential educational, health, and relief and social services to eligible Palestine refugees living in Jordan, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. The ability of the Agency to provide this assistance is entirely dependent on sufficient voluntarily contributed funds being made available to it annually.

29B.3 The implementation of the overall strategy will involve the provision of:

(a) Educational services: to meet the basic educational needs of Palestine refugees and to enhance their educational opportunities;

(b) Health services: to meet the basic health needs of the refugees and improve their overall state of health;

(c) Relief and social services: to provide refugees with assistance in meeting their needs, in maintaining a reasonable standard of existence and in improving their capacity to become more self-reliant, thereby reducing their dependence on such assistance.

29B.4 Since 1982, the Agency has provided emergency assistance to Palestine refugees affected by the political turmoil in Lebanon. Similar emergency measures have been furnished to refugees in the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip since the beginning of 1988. In addition, the Agency has initiated an expanded programme of assistance in order to improve social and economic conditions for the refugees in the occupied territories. All three programmes, including extra staff costs, are financed mainly from specially solicited voluntary funds.

29B.5 In accordance with General Assembly resolution 302 (IV), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) have entered into agreements with UNRWA, under the terms of which these organizations assume responsibility for the technical aspects of the Agency's education and health subprogrammes. UNESCO makes available the services of the UNRWA Director of Education, as well as 13 other UNESCO specialists; and WHO provides the Director of Health and 6 other WHO specialists on a non-reimbursable basis. The Agency currently employs some 18,800 locally-recruited staff, all of whom are paid out of the voluntary contributions for operational activities.

29B.6 The activities of UNRWA correspond to subprogramme 6 of Programme 36, International protection of and assistance to refugees, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. In view of the nature of this Programme, no designation of priority was made among the six subprogrammes. Similarly, no priorities are proposed among the activities of UNRWA, which are described below:

Activities:

1. Education

(a) General education: the Agency currently provides elementary and preparatory level education to some 365,000 eligible refugee children; this figure is expected to grow by 2.5 per cent per annum to about 397,000 children by the end of the biennium 1992-1993. In addition, the Agency currently provides assistance to some 9,700 refugee children who are enrolled in government and private schools; no change is expected in this number during the biennium;

(b) Vocational and professional training: the Agency currently provides 5,146 vocational, technical and teacher training places in eight training centres. The number of training places is expected to grow to about 5,526 by the end of the biennium, provided that sufficient special contributions are forthcoming for the establishment of new courses. The Agency is currently providing 540 university scholarships to eligible refugee children; no change is anticipated during the biennium.

2. Health

(a) Preventive and curative medical services: the Agency is currently providing preventive and curative medical services to 2.450 million eligible refugees. These services cover the control of communicable diseases, maternal and child health care, school health services, health education, out-patient treatment at Agency health centres and the subsidizing of in-patient treatment at government and private hospitals. It is expected that the number of refugees eligible for treatment will grow by 2.0 per cent per annum to about 2.580 million by the end of the biennium and that the number of patient visits to UNRWA health centres will increase from 4.6 million to 5.6 million per annum;

(b) Nutrition and supplementary feeding services: the Programme provides nutritional support to vulnerable groups, namely, infants and pre-school children, pregnant and nursing women. The Agency is currently providing these services to an average of 159,700 recipients and the number is expected to increase to about 164,000 by the end of the biennium;

(c) Environmental health services: basic environmental health services are currently being provided to 850,000 eligible registered refugees living in camps. The number of registered camp dwellers is expected to grow by 3.5 per cent per annum to 950,000 by the end of the biennium.

3. Relief and social services

(a) Relief services: relief services are provided by the Agency in the form of food rations (consisting of flour, rice, sugar, cooking oil and other protein supplements), blankets and clothing for children, and cash assistance and shelter to destitute refugees. The Agency is currently providing assistance to 154,000 beneficiaries, which is expected to grow by 5 per cent per annum to 178,000 by the end of the biennium;

(b) Social services: nearly all registered refugees are eligible to benefit from social services, which provide income-generating programmes for the economically disadvantaged, social counselling, youth and women's activities centres, training in skills, and assistance to the disabled. The present number of

eligible refugees stands at 2.547 million and is expected to grow by 2 per cent per annum to 2.714 million by the end of the biennium.

Resource requirements (at revised 1991 rates)

Established posts

29B.7 The estimated requirements for established posts ($13,524,000) and common staff costs ($6,492,500) include increases of $741,600 and $552,800, respectively, which relate to the transfer of five Professional posts from the extrabudgetary resources of UNRWA to the regular budget and to the net redeployment of four posts from Vienna to the field offices.

29B.8 By resolution 3331 B (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, the General Assembly decided that "the expenses for salaries of international staff in the service of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East which would otherwise be a charge on voluntary contributions should with effect from 1 January 1975 be financed by the regular budget of the United Nations for the duration of the Agency's mandate". The Agency currently employs 16 international staff financed under its budget. It is proposed to transfer 5 of these 16 posts to the United Nations regular budget in 1992-1993 and to continue reviewing the situation. The five posts now proposed for inclusion under the United Nations regular budget are: three P-4 posts, consisting of the Head of the Information Systems Project, a Legal Officer and a Senior Auditor; and two P-3 posts, consisting of a Field Engineering Officer and a Supervising Engineer.